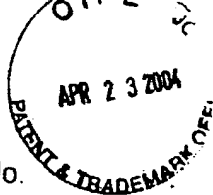


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 23, 2003, the period for response being extended by one month, and further to the telephone discussions with the Examiner, formal entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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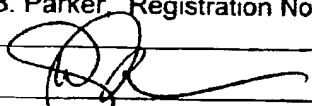
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. All fees due, including the one-month extension fee, should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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